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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2003, the Applicants respond as follows:

Restriction Requirement

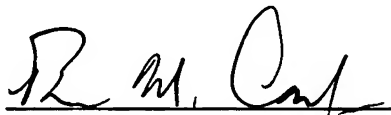
The Examiner has required that examination of the application be restricted to either claims 1-27, drawn to an alloy, or to claims 28-48, drawn to a method. The Applicants respectfully submit that examination of all pending claims is not unduly burdensome and can be easily performed given the relationship of the subject matter of these claims. However, in an effort to advance prosecution of the present application, the Applicants elect to prosecute, with traverse, claims 28-48 drawn to a method of making a high strength alloy.

If the Examiner feels for any reason that direct contact with Applicants' attorney will advance the prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1901. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 22, 2003



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